

to a more permanent settlement. By an act of the Kentucky Legislature in 1836, the settlement of Edmonton became officially established as a town and gradually became the largest population center in the area.

The citizens of Edmonton and Metcalfe County have a deep appreciation for the sacrifice and struggles endured by their predecessors in the development of their hometown. Today its citizens continue the rich history of their forefathers and it is with great pride we celebrate this momentous occasion.

36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate the 36th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

On July 20, 1974, the Turkish military invaded Cyprus in direct violation of international law. Turkish troops illegally occupied the northern part of Cyprus, and established local armed forces that continue to control 37 percent of the Island. As a result of the Turkish invasion, nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots were forcibly expelled from their homes and approximately 5,000 Cypriots were killed.

There was no justification for Turkey's invasion of Cyprus, and there is no justification for continued interference to this day.

It is appropriate that on the anniversary of the invasion, we mourn those whose lives were lost as well as condemn the occupation.

Although that is the focus of today, I also want to acknowledge my strong belief that it is possible for there to be a settlement of the conflict over Cyprus. To date, the process has not been easy, and I don't think anyone in the U.S. Congress thinks the matter can be resolved without hard work and sustained focus, but it is a process we must continue.

The ongoing talks between Cyprus' President Demetris Christofias and the Turkish Cypriot community leader Dervis Eroglu have the potential to produce real progress, beyond confidence building measures. Clearly, we need more forward momentum in strongly supporting the Cypriot's goal of reunification with a single internationally supported and recognized government. I very much hope this can be achieved by the end of this year.

For today, however, we rise to again commemorate and recognize a historic travesty and those that suffered as a result.

CONGRATULATING CHRIS DIMATTIO ON BEING SWORN IN AS THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF UNICO NATIONAL

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. Chris DiMattio on being sworn in as the national President of UNICO National.

Mr. DiMattio was born in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, in 1966 as the youngest of three children of Louis and Catherine DiMattio. Growing up in Dunmore, he attended St. Anthony of Padua's Grade School and Bishop O'Hara High School.

In 1988, Mr. DiMattio graduated from Marywood University in Scranton where he majored in Business Administration and was a member of the Academic Dean's Roundtable and the Student Government.

He is currently a Senior Vice President at FNCB Wealth Management Services in Dunmore. Previously, he was an Assistant Vice President at NatWest Financial Markets Group in Scranton.

Throughout his academic and professional career, Mr. DiMattio has consistently volunteered his time and efforts throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Lackawanna Branch of the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross, and has also volunteered with the United Way of Lackawanna County and the Scranton Cultural Center.

Mr. DiMattio has been a member of the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National since 1990 and served as the Chapter's President from 1997 to 1999.

UNICO was originally founded in 1922 by Dr. Anthony P. Vastola as an Italian American service organization to, "engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds."

In 1947, UNICO merged with another Italian American service organization, the National Civic League, to create UNICO National.

Today, UNICO National remains the largest Italian American service organization in the United States. Every year it donates approximately \$1 million to numerous charities throughout the country, and, through its Anti-Bias committee, works to overcome negative stereotypes of Italian Americans.

Mr. DiMattio has served on UNICO National's National Executive Committee as National Membership & Retention Director from 2003 to 2006 and as Vice President from 2006 to 2010.

Mr. DiMattio will be sworn in as the national President of UNICO National at its annual convention being held from July 28 to August 1 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. He will become the second Northeastern Pennsylvania resident in the past thirty years to be appointed to this position.

Mr. DiMattio currently resides in Moscow, Pennsylvania, with his wife, the former Ann Celli of Peckville, and their two children, Louis Carlo and Robert.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. DiMattio on this auspicious occasion. His exemplary community service record demonstrates he is most deserving of this achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 449 I was not present due to my flight being delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, on July 14, 2010, I inadvertently voted "yes" on rollcall No. 437 on H. Res. 1509 when I meant to vote "no."

36 YEARS OF TURKISH MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the unconscionable 36 years of Turkish military occupation of the Republic of Cyprus.

On July 20, 1974, tens of thousands of Turkish military troops invaded Cyprus, in a blatant and deliberate violation of international law. This caused the forcible expulsion of approximately 200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes, which at the time amounted to almost one-third of the total population on the island. Nearly 5,000 Cypriots were also killed.

Three decades after the initial invasion, Turkey still has over 40,000 troops illegally occupying about 37 percent of Cypriot territory. During the occupation, the Turks expelled thousands of Greek Cypriots from their own homes who were then forced to flee to other parts of the island leaving behind their property and other belongings. These seized properties, many of them belonging to American citizens of Cypriot descent, were unlawfully distributed to and are currently being occupied by thousands of illegal settlers from Turkey. The European Court of Human Rights has stated again and again that displaced Greek Cypriots have not lost the title to their properties and thus remain the only legal and lawful owners of the properties in question. Unfortunately, Turkey has repeatedly ignored countless UN Resolutions calling for an end to the occupation.

Cypriots want a unified island and continue to demonstrate their commitment toward a genuine reunification of their country. However, no realistic solution can occur without Ankara's complete and constructive cooperation. I strongly urge Turkey to show a commitment to international law and basic human rights by ending its military occupation, withdrawing its thousands of troops, and removing the illegal settlers.

I am encouraged that both sides continue their negotiations toward reaching a long-lasting comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem based on a bizonal, bicommunal federation. This solution must be made by the Cypriots and for the Cypriots.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in standing up for human rights and freedom, and urge Turkey to negotiate an end to this occupation in good faith and cooperation.